Guide to the Photographs Selected from the Collections of the San Joaquin Valley Library System Member Libraries

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San Joaquin Valley Library System
Fresno, California

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Photographs selected from the collections of the San Joaquin Valley Library System member libraries.
Date (inclusive): 1849-2002
Date (bulk): (bulk 1880-1960)
Collection number: Consult repository
Collectors: San Joaquin Valley Library System
Fresno County Free Library
Kern County Library
Madera County Library
Mariposa County Library (Calif.)
Tulare County Free Library (Calif.)
Porterville Public Library (Calif.)
Kings County Library (Calif.)
Coalinga-Huron Library District (Calif.)
Tulare Public Library (Calif.)

Extent: Approximately 4,000 photographic prints2,323 online items
Repository: San Joaquin Valley Library System
Fresno, California 93721

Abstract: The San Joaquin Valley Digitization Project image collection consists of photographs selected from the collections of the nine public libraries of the San Joaquin Valley Library System, as well as the collections of museums and individuals in their communities. The photos were selected mainly for their historical interest. They represent various aspects of life in the San Joaquin Valley and the Sierra Nevada foothills; in the counties of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, and Mariposa. The photos date from 1850 to 2002.

Language: English.

Access
Collection may or may not be open for research. Consult repository for more information.

Publication Rights
Publication rights may differ for each contributing institution. Consult repository for more information.

Preferred Citation
Photographs selected from the collections of the San Joaquin Valley Library System member libraries, Consult repository, San Joaquin Valley Digitization Project, San Joaquin Valley Library System, Fresno CA

Acquisition Information
This collection was created by the staff of the nine public libraries of the San Joaquin Valley Library System by digitizing photographs in their collections and the collections of other institutions and individuals in their communities.

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Project Information: San Joaquin Valley Digitization Project

The San Joaquin Valley Digitization Project provided the nine public libraries of the San Joaquin Valley Library System (SJVLS) with equipment and training so that they could digitize the historical photographs in their collections. Staff at each of the nine participating libraries scanned the photographs and created the metadata. SJVLS staff developed the project’s database and web site that provides access to the collection on the internet. Other institutions and individuals in the communities participated in the project as partners by contributing photographs and historical information.

Online, the collection is called "San Joaquin Valley & Sierra Foothills Photo Heritage".

The project was funded by a Library Services and Technology Act grant awarded by the California State Library. The grant funded phase of the project began in October 2001 and ended June 2003.

Additional information regarding individual institutions that participated in this project is available on their web sites, and users of these online materials who would like more information about the collections from which they were selected should contact individual institutions directly.

Participating Institutions: San Joaquin Valley Digitization Project

Coalinga Huron Library District
R. C. Baker Memorial Museum
Fresno County Public Library, California History and Genealogy Room
Kern County Library
Kings County Library
Kings County Museum at Burris Park
Hanford Carnegie Museum
Madera County Library
Mariposa County Library
Northern Mariposa County History Center
Yosemite Museum, National Park Service
Mariposa Museum and History Center
Porterville Public Library
Tulare County Library, Annie R. Mitchell History Room
Tulare Public Library

Scope and Content of Collection

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A large portion of the photos depict such things as: street scenes with horse-drawn and motorized vehicles, people in period dress, local businesses and buildings, and parades; portraits of local people; domesticated animals; railroad transportation; class photos; and floods. The industries represented include agriculture, logging, and petroleum. There are a significant number of photos depicting oil fields in the Coalinga area; public schools in Fresno County; an earthquake in Kern County; libraries throughout the Valley and foothills; and Sierra Nevada scenes of logging, dam construction, and Yosemite National Park.

Individuals and families who contributed photographs that are included in the collection are the Anthony family and the Mouren Family of Coalinga; Naomi Tagawa of Kings County; Mervin Fulton, Irene Ferguson, Colleen Murphy Paggi, Louise Tesorieri, George Serpa, Lillian Baugh of Tulare City; the Bruce family, Leroy Radanovich, the Chase-Williams family, Pearl and Winnie Williams of Mariposa County; Carleton Watkins, Kathleen Walker, Clyde Johnson, Curtis Darling of Kern County.

Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Fresno (Calif.)
Fresno County (Calif.)
Hanford (Calif.)
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